



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Felix Vasquez, in amount of \$8,276.67
Jesus Hernandez, in amount of \$4,951.67
Dony Morales, in amount of \$4,361.92
Esther F. Becerra, in amount of \$1,594.40
Randy Romero, in amount of \$18,609.66
Dawn L. Gant, in amount of \$4,959

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

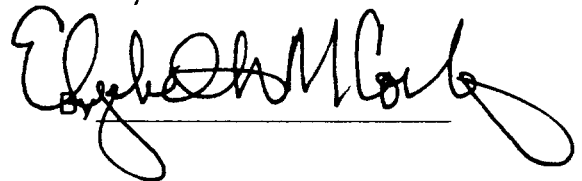


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APPROVED
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County Counsel



DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51A
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$252,912.00	Account Number	10648056
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Vasquez, Felix
Balance Due	252,912.00	Service Date	01/25/02 to 05/13/02
Compromise Amount Offered	8,276.67	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$244,635.33	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Vasquez was hit by an automobile while crossing the street. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$252,912.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 8,276.66	33.10%
Attorney Cost	170.00	170.00	0.68%
County of Los Angeles	252,912.00	8,276.67	33.11%
Net to Client	N/A	8,276.67	33.11%
Total	\$261,415.33	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Vasquez is unemployed and homeless. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51B
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$98,870.00	Account Number	10654346
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Hernandez, Jesus
Balance Due	98,870.00	Service Date	09/28/01 to 07/08/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,951.67	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$93,918.33	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Hernandez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$98,870.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,951.66	\$ 4,951.66	33.02%
Attorney Cost	145.00	145.00	0.94%
County of Los Angeles	98,870.00	4,951.67	33.02%
Net to Client	N/A	4,951.67	33.02%
Total	\$103,966.66	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Hernandez is unemployed and receives support from SSI. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51C
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$129,224.00	Account Number	10550999
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Morales, Dony
Balance Due	129,224.00	Service Date	08/17/00 to 02/23/01
Compromise Amount Offered	4,361.92	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$124,862.08	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Morales was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$129,224.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	1,157.00	1,157.00	7.71%
Ludvik Artinyan, M.D.	4,605.00	0.00	0.00%
Isaac Reger, M.D.	990.00	0.00	0.00%
Sim C. Hoffman, M.D.	1,760.00	0.00	0.00%
Bob's Rexall Drugs	122.35	0.00	0.00%
County of Los Angeles	129,224.00	4,361.92	29.08%
Net to Client	N/A	4,481.08	29.88%
Total	\$142,858.35	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Morales supports himself and family of two with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51D
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$44,289.00	Account Number	10485618
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Becerra, Esther F.
Balance Due	44,289.00	Service Date	05/31/00 to 06/07/00
Compromise Amount Offered	1,594.40	Facility	High Desert Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	\$42,694.60	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Becerra was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at High Desert Medical Center at a cost of \$44,289.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$10,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 3,333.33	\$ 3,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	879.29	879.29	8.80%
Good Samaritan Hospital	39,095.84	1,407.45	14.08%
Good Samaritan Rad. Med. Group	2,708.00	97.49	0.98%
The Kay Medical Group	1,050.00	37.80	0.38%
California Lung Association	900.00	32.40	0.32%
Pacific Cardiology Consultants	110.00	3.96	0.03%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	377.00	13.57	0.13%
Douglas F. Smiley, M.D.	480.00	17.28	0.17%
Emergency Phys. Med. Group	1,536.00	55.30	0.55%
Fagan Emergency Medical Group	1,692.00	60.88	0.61%
Central City Pathology Med. Grp.	360.00	12.80	0.12%
County of Los Angeles	44,289.00	1,594.40	15.95%
Net to Client	N/A	2,454.05	24.55%
Total	\$96,810.46	\$10,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Becerra is unemployed and receives support from General Relief. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51E
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$62,591.00	Account Number	10559919
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Romero, Randy
Balance Due	62,591.00	Service Date	07/25/00 to 12/04/00
Compromise Amount Offered	18,609.66	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$43,981.34	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Romero was involved in an automobile versus MTA bus accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$62,591.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$60,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$26,505.00	\$26,505.00	44.18%
Attorney Cost	3,641.26	3,641.26	6.07%
Ambulance	598.75	598.75	1.02%
County of Los Angeles	62,591.00	18,609.66	31.04%
Net to Client	N/A	10,645.33	17.69%
Total	\$93,336.01	\$60,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Romero is unemployed and receives support from his aunt. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 51F
DATE: January 9, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$389,912.00	Account Number	10633815
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Gant, Dawn L.
Balance Due	389,912.00	Service Date	02/15/02 to 10/24/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,959.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$384,953.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Gant was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$389,912.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,959.00	33.06%
Attorney Cost	123.00	123.00	0.82%
County of Los Angeles	389,912.00	4,959.00	33.06%
Net to Client	N/A	4,959.00	33.06%
Total	\$395,035.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Gant supports herself with General Relief. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.